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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5259

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

UNCLAS CARACAS 7705

FROM: US DEL LOS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: CHILEAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE VLCC METALUX

1. US LOS DEL APPROACHED BY CHILEAN DEL SOLICITING MATERIAL OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN MATTER OF VLCC METALUX (CUTHC) GROUNDED IN STRAIT OF MAGELLAN. CHILEANS PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT METALUX (SHELL) GROUNDED 9 AUGUST. CARGO OF 195,000 TONS CRUDE. TWO RUPTURED TANKS, TOTAL CAPACITY 35,000 TONS. APPROXIMATELY 6,000 TONS RELEASED TO DATE. IN DANGER OF BREAKING UP. GOC VERY CONCERNED DANGER TO PUNTA ARENAS.

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2. US DEL SUGGESTED CHILEAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON RAISE

MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT, WHICH WOULD CONSULT WITH USCG AND USN, WHICH MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME MEASURE OF MATERIAL AND OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ABATEMENT AND OR SALVAGE.

3. ANTICIPATE PARALLEL APPROACH BY GOC TO IMCO SYG LONDON. IMCO LOS DEL SPECULATED TO CHILEAN LOS DEL THAT USCG MOST LIKELY SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE.

4. AT THEIR REQUEST US DEL ASSURED CHILEAN DEL THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD BE ALERTED IN ADVANCE OF ANTICIPATED APPROACH BY CHILEAN EMBASSY.

5. POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT ON LOS NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE ON MARINE POLLUTION AND STRAITS, ARE OBVIOUS. CHILENA DEL INDICATED MATTER MAY BE RAISED BEFORE CONFERENCE SHORTLY. ANY ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT BE PROVIDED BY USG COULD PROVIDE SOME MEASURE OF COUNTERWEIGHT AS EXAMPLE OF FEASIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH SUCH MARINE DISASTERS. UNDERSTAND UK LOS DEL HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR APPROACH AND IS PROPOSING LONDON PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.  
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